

Content Standards Informer

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Phase 2, Pilot Online Formative Assessment Writing Program

The Office of Public Instruction (OPI) is launching Phase 2 of a pilot online formative assessment. The purpose of this pilot is to gain further experience with a formative assessment writing program, Vantage Learning's My Access. This product was chosen from a group of four writing programs used in Montana classrooms as Phase 1 of the online formative assessment writing program in the 2009-10 school year. The OPI invites you to apply to use My Access in your classroom as part of Phase 2 of the pilot. For more information and the application:

<http://www.opi.mt.gov/PDF/Assessment/MCPresents/FAME/10Application.pdf>

Professional Development Opportunities-Communication Arts

Northwest Montana's Reading Council's Annual Literacy Conference, August 18, 2010, Flathead High School, Kalispell, Montana. For more information and a registration form please contact Northwest Reading Council, c/o Megan Koppes, 103 Getty Drive, Kalispell, MT 59901.

Common Core State Standards (CCSS) Update


Thirty states have adopted. Montana is following a plan and you can help. Montana will be conducting an alignment study that involves out-of-state experts completing a comparison of the CCSS and Montana Standards and Essential Learning Expectations, completing a comparison using Achieve's Gap Analysis Tool; and looking at a comparison using the CCSSO Survey of Enacted Curriculum Tool. This alignment study will help determine the next steps.

What can you do?

- Examine the documents <http://www.corestandards.org/>
- Watch the online presentation <http://connect.opi.mt.gov/p16363458/> and keep checking for updates.
- Give us your views by completing a survey about the CCSS (found in two locations): <http://www.opi.mt.gov/Curriculum/CommArts/index.html>
<http://www.opi.mt.gov/curriculum/math/>
- Join the team that will meet at the Montana Learning Center, August 11-13, to complete the comparison using Achieve's Gap Analysis Tool as well as determine what and how the 15 percent possible addition to the CCSS will look like.

Sign up TODAY for the August 11-13, CCSS Team; contact Kris Goyins, kgoyins@mt.gov or Jean Howard, jhoward@mt.gov

<div>Mathematics</div> <div>Science</div> <div>Draft National Science Standards</div> <div>Early Childhood</div> <div>NEW: Kindergarten Curriculum</div>	<div> Professional Development Opportunities-Mathematics Northwest Mathematics Conference in Spokane, October 7-9, 2010. Online registration now available http://49thnwmathconference.org . NCTM E-Seminars, E-Workshops, Reflection Guides, Focus of the Year Resources, Online Resources and much more http://nctm.org/profdev/default.aspx?id=398 </div> <div> Science Curriculum Specialist Job Opening The Office of Public Instruction is seeking applicants for the position of Science Curriculum Specialist. Katie Burke, the current science specialist, is returning to the science classroom in August and will be teaching 6th grade science at Helena Middle School. Information regarding the job posting is available at https://svc.mt.gov/statejobsearch/listingdetails.aspx?id=3423. You are encouraged to pass this announcement on to science educators you know who may be interested in this position. Applications will be accepted through August 16, 2010. </div> <div> Draft Conceptual Framework for New National Science Standards Released On July 12, 2010, the National Research Council (NRC) Board on Science Education released a draft conceptual framework for new science education standards http://www7.nationalacademies.org/bose/Standards_Framework_Homepage.html. The framework lays the foundation for what core science ideas, cross-cutting concepts, and scientific practices all students need to succeed in science, and is the first major step in the development of the next generation of science standards. Review and Comment on the Draft Framework http://www7.nationalacademies.org/bose/Standards_Framework_Homepage.html. Read background information and an FAQ from the NRC http://www7.nationalacademies.org/bose/Standards_Framework_FAQs.html </div> <div> OPI Contact: Katie Burke, (406) 444-3557, kburke@mt.gov </div> <div> The OPI Web site now has an Early Childhood page! This site provides resources and information to Montana educators, care providers and families regarding best practices in early learning. These resources will assist with implementation of effective instructional strategies, observation techniques, classroom assessments and much more. </div> <div> The Model Full-Time Kindergarten Guide has been published and is ready to make its way into Montana kindergarten classrooms. Please contact Terri Barclay if you would like to receive a copy of the document! </div>
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<p><i>School Libraries</i></p> <p><i>*Professional Affiliation</i></p> <p><i>*Save the Date!</i></p> <p><i>Wiki!</i></p>	<p>It is the mission of the school library program to ensure that students are effective users and producers of ideas and information.</p> <div data-bbox="469 254 643 352">  </div> <p><u><i>Professional Affiliation</i></u> Renew your membership or join the School Library Media Division of the Montana Library Association. July is the month to renew your membership for the 2010-11 school year. Please visit www.mtlib.org for memberships, scholarships, travel grants and other information. Read current and past issues of the MLA <i>Focus</i> Newsletter.</p> <p><u><i>Mark Your Calendars</i></u></p> <p>MSL Fall Conference, September 24 & 25 in Great Falls MEA-MFT Conference, October 21 & 22 in Helena (visit www.mea-mft.org for information)</p> <p>NEW Montana Teacher Librarian Wiki Visit www.opi.mt.gov/groups/mtl for an up-to-date look at resources and happenings for school libraries.</p> <p>OPI Contact: Colet Bartow, (406) 444-3583, cbartow@mt.gov</p> <p>The Content Standards Informer (CSI) will be distributed the first Friday of each month through the Content Standards Informer Listserv. If you would like to receive the CSI each month please sign up for the listserv at: http://lists.opi.mt.gov/mailman/listinfo/contentstandardsinformer.</p>
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